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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION FOR THE INVENTION ENTITLED:

A Garment Hanger

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This invention is best described in the following statement:

A GARMENT HANGER

Technical Field

The present invention relates to garment hangers and more particularly but not exclusively to coat hangers.

Background of the Invention

Particularly in relation to expensive clothing items such as coats and suits, it is not uncommon to have attached to the garment a security tag. These tags are designed to activate an alarm system should the tag pass adjacent a detector at the exit of the store.

A problem with the above discussed security system is that once the garment is removed from a hanger and taken for example to a fitting room, it is possible to remove the tags.

Accordingly in respect of the above described security system it is still possible for garments to be pilfered.

Object of the Invention

It is the object of the present invention to overcome or substantially ameliorate the above disadvantage.

Summary of the Invention

There is disclosed herein a garment hanger including:

a garment support portion over which the garment is draped so as to be draped there over;

an engaging portion fixed to the support portion and to secure the hanger to a structure from which the hanger is suspended; and

a securing portion depending from the support portion, the securing portion having an aperture to co-operate with a security tag so that a portion of the tag passes through the garment and said aperture so as to secure the garment to the hanger.

In a preferred form the garment hanger is a coat hanger and said support portion is a pair of arms that diverge from said engaging portion.

In a further preferred form said engaging portion is an eyelet.

In a further preferred form said securing portion is a strip.

Brief Description of the Drawings

A preferred form of the present invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a schematic perspective view of a coat hanger:

Figure 2 is a schematic front elevation of the hanger of Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a schematic part sectioned side elevation of portion of the hanger of Figure 1 and portion of a garment secured thereto.

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

5 In the accompanying drawings there is schematically depicted a garment hanger 10. The garment hanger 10 of this embodiment is a coat hanger that includes a garment support portion consisting of a pair of arms 11. The arms 11 diverge from an engaging portion 12 that secures the hanger 10 to a rack to inhibit removal therefrom.

10 The arms 11 diverge downwardly from a stem 13 that attaches the eyelet 14 to the arms 11.

Located generally below the stem 13 and between the arms 11 is a securing portion 14 that is in the form of a strip 15. The strip 15 has at its lower end an aperture 16.

Typically the hanger 10 would be manufactured from metal such as wire.

15 In the above described hanger 10 a coat is draped over the arms 11 so that portion 17 of the coat is positioned adjacent to the strip 15. A security tag 18 including a body 19 with a pin 20 engages the garment so that the pin 20 passes through the aperture 16 of the strip 15 and the coat portion 17. A securing cap 21 is then placed over the pin 20 so as to be secured to the body 19. Accordingly the garment is secured to the hanger 10, with the hanger 10 then secured to a supporting rail via the eyelet 14. Accordingly the hanger 10
20 inhibits unauthorised removal of the garment from a rack supporting the hanger 10.

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